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TAGS: AVIP (TARJANNE, PEKKA) US, FI

SUBJECT: VISIT TO UNITED STATE FINNISH MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. EMBASSY TODAY LEARNED THAT 37 YEAR OLD MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS PEKKA TARJANNE, ALSO CHAIRMAN OF LIBERAL PARTY AND MP) PLANS VISIT TO US. TARJANNE EXPECTS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK APRIL 10 ON FINNAIR DC-10 INAUGURAL FLIGHT AND PROBABLY DEPART US FROM NEW YORK ON APRIL 14 OR 15.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MFA THAT FINNISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY ARRANGED MEETING FOR TARJANNE WITH SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION WILLIAM COLEMAN ON MORNING APRIL 11. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS ONLY PROGRAM SO FAR ARRANGED FOR TARJANNE IN WASHINGTON. WE ARE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT FINNISH EMBASSY ASKING MFA FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON PROGRAMMING MINISTER, AS WELL AS MRS. TARJANNE WHO ACCOMPANYING. WE BELIEVE FINNAIR INAUGURAL FLIGHT IS PRINCIPAL REASON FOR TARJANNE TRIP. POSSIBLE HE MAY ALSO WISH DISCUSS FINNAIR

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CAPACITY PROBLEM, SALE OF ICEBREAKERS, ETC.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONTACT FINNISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND COORDINATION.
EMB SUGGESTS IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SENIOR DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL HOST SMALL LUNCHEON FOR TARJANNE. WE WILL
KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS FURTHER DETAILS DEVELOP
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